

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1888
More snow Saturday. The great strike is over on the B&M and the first freight that arrived since the strike began pulled into Oberlin Wednesday morning. H.S. Beardsley has moved his household goods from Ludell to this place.

The official announcement from the Rock Island has been that both the passenger and freight divisions will be at Phillipsburg.

Jennings Items:
The Quakers have about completed a church building which when completed will have a seating capacity of 150.

The young folks had a pleasant time on the evening of the 21st at the residence of Mr. H.A. Griffith, it being the occasion of Mrs. Griffith's 25th birthday.

The Jennings post office has been changed from its old site to the residence of Mr. John Squires, two miles east of the old site.

100 YEARS AGO — March 1913
It seems to snow very easily these days and it would appear that we are to have an old fashioned March.

Elam Reist was in town Saturday bragging about the fine boy that arrived at his home Feb. 25th.

A cellar is being put under the Marietta property on Commercial Street and a furnace will be installed. When everything is in just the right order D.G. Campbell and family will move in.

N.E. David, now of Atlanta, Nebr., but formerly of Harlan Township, was in Oberlin

Wednesday transferring the title of his Decatur County land to his younger brother.

Norcatut Items:
Taylor McNeal, jr., and Miss Lillian Walsh of Waco, Texas, were married Feb. 19th and will make their home in Kansas City where the groom is in business.

Frank Nelson and Bud Stevens who left here in January with the E.M. Jones family for Maryland attended the inauguration of the President at Washington, D.C.

75 YEARS AGO — March 1938
The delegation from Oberlin and Elwood Brooks of Topeka who at-

tended a meeting of the State Forestry, Fish and Game Commission and the National Park Service came home well pleased with the information they had received. From the National Park Service was the assurance that the CCC Camp at Oberlin would remain here through Oct. 1 of 1938 and the State Forestry, Fish and Game Commission will continue to assist in the purchase of needed materials as planned.

Court House news: Paul Hoffbauer and Esther Jording were issued a license on Feb. 19 and were married on Feb. 25 by the Rev. Mr. Wegener.

A letter from Jiggs VanVleet of the Harlan Township area tells of a trip he made recently with the Kansas State wrestling team with 11 other wrestlers and their coach. They wrestled at Champagne, Ill., Morgantown, West Va., and Lancaster, Penn., losing only their first bout. While there they visited Washington, D.C., the battlefields at Gettysburg and some coal mines in the Allegheny Mountains.

Maxine Walker, a junior in high school, placed second in extempore speech among all the entrants in the Class B schools at the state speech contest held at Lawrence.

Vearle Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vining Owen who live 6 miles east of Oberlin on Highway 36, died of pneumonia Sunday in Salmon, Idaho, where he was enrolled in a CCC camp. Funeral services will be held Sunday at the Kanona church. His death is a particular blow to his parents as their daughter, Therese Owen, died two years ago at age 18 when her car overturned on the highway.

The Oberlin League Wrestling champions suffered their first defeat at the state tournament last weekend in Manhattan. Placing first was St. Francis with 32 points, second was Wichita East with 22 and Oberlin with 19 among the 13 schools. Lloyd Emerson lost a bout for the first time this season and placed second as did James Vavroch, Frederick Helmkamp and Virgil Olson. Bob Emerson, Gordon Johnson and Rex Lohoefer placed third.

Jennings: Funeral services were held for Gustave Lieber, 80, who was born in Germany where he

was educated and received military training before coming to America at the age of 25.

In honor of the birthdays of Marilyn and Carolyn Nelson, twin daughters of Mrs. Merle Nelson, a party was given at their home. Guests were their classmates and teacher, Miss Gladys Smith. Mrs. Nelson was assisted by Mrs. Marietta.

50 YEARS AGO — March 1963
Dr. Wayne G. Parker, new Oberlin MD., his wife Elaine, and four boys, Lynn, Dan, Glenn and Barnett, moved into their new residence at 403 West Ash on Feb. 27.

Remodeling and expansion work at Don's Super Market, 119 West Commercial has been completed with 25 feet added to the building and the interior of the store remodeled.

Jennings: Rose Petrask Arnhold is one of 30 Fort Hays students accorded the highest academic honor which can be earned at the college — election to Phi Kappa Phi — national honorary scholastic fraternity — which is comparable to Phi Beta Kappa. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Petrask of Jennings.

Jerry Berls has purchased the Ray Birdsell barbershop located at 130 South Penn. He is a 1959 graduate of DCHS and has worked in Norton the past three years. He and his wife Kay are living at Brookwood Apartments.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ralph Waldo, 55 rural Oberlin, were held at Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. A. R. Zeilinger officiating.

The influenza epidemic in Oberlin and Decatur County continues according to Dr. James Coffman. Absences at schools average about 20 students a day and two teachers. At Oberlin Elementary School there is also measles and chicken pox, according to John Bearley, OES principal.

At the State Wrestling Tournament which was won by Newton followed by Colby and Salina. Bob and Bill Brown both placed first and Gene Morford, a junior, placed third. "The Browns really go after all the marbles," first-year coach Jim Kinyon said, "with Bill ending the season 18-0-1 and Bob 14-1-0."

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Sauvage, daughter, Kristi Annette, 2-22-63.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1988

Oberlin City Council members Dick Ahlberg, Gale Cook, Phyllis McKay, Kurt Vollertsen and Mayor Idella Frickey and City Administrator Bob Finkbinner held a five-hour session to line up work projects for the spring and summer and to replace long-time city superintendent Phyll Cramer who plans to bow out of that post April 1. He was named cemetery sexton, a part-time post. Jack O'Toole was promoted to director of utilities and George Richards becomes lead lineman. The council also voted to hire Jim Soderlund as electric lineman and Louis "Rocky" Diederich for street maintenance. Finkbinner will be in charge of streets and parks.

For the first time in more than 50 years someone other than Archie and Art Hamilton will soon occupy the service station located at the corner of Hall Street and Rodehaver. As of April 1 the corner station will be operated by Joe Brown, owner of Brown Motor Company Inc., located just across the street and will be known as BMC Service and Harold Hill will continue his employment there. Art Hamilton will be moving his office to the former Lamb Retail building on Frontier Parkway. Hamilton Oil currently provides area farmers with application of fertilizer and chemicals and is operated by Bob Stanley and Cleo Fisher. Office staff includes Joyce Rippe and Shirley Nichols.

The Lady Red Devils coached by Duane Dorshorst and Sarah Fredrickson came home with the second-place trophy in sub-state basketball action in Phillipsburg Saturday night losing to Plainville 71-68. In earlier tournament action, they had defeated the Beloit Trojans 59-57. They compiled a season record of 14-6, the best ever of any girls' team at DCHS. The Red Devil boys ended their season with a 85-65 loss to Hoxie in the first round of sub-state action.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Krizek, Jennings, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Lonnie McEvoy, Oberlin. The wedding date has been set for June 11, 1988, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin.

New Arrivals: Debra and Jerry Leitner, Oberlin, daughter, Katie Dee, March 2, 1988; Sherri and Lynn Overmiller, son, Adrian Eugene, March 5, 1988.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Monday afternoon the sun was shining, but residents were busy talking about the full moon. The social hour was devoted to fun facts about the moon. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack included "Shine On Harvest Moon" and other songs that mentioned the moon during the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

The Reading Buddies from the second grade classes at Oberlin Elementary visited on Tuesday morning. The students teamed up with residents to read stories.

Irene Fringer won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon. LaVern Heller was the lucky winner for the second game played. Volunteers Ila Ray and Becky Cox assisted with bingo.

Marguerite Bailey was the big winner at the dice game played on Wednesday afternoon in the Cedar Living Center dining room.

Residents enjoyed an extra game of bingo for the week on Thursday evening. Irene Fringer, Helen Helm, and Beth Sebaugh ended up the biggest winners of the evening. Other residents playing included Juanita Eckhart, Everett Gerdes, Lois Lamb, Wilma May, Ann Szweistis, and Marguerite Bailey. Everyone went home with at least a couple of pieces of candy.

The coffee club met on Friday morning for a little trivia about

pigs. The baking group made peanut butter oatmeal cookies in honor of National Peanut Butter Lovers' Day. The group also spent time giving out encouraging words in honor of World Compliment Day.

The Oberlin Covenant Church was in charge of the worship service at Cedar Living Center on Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots continues to be a strong supporter of Cedar Living Center and Wheat Ridge Terrace. We receive generous donations every year from the organization and these help us in our mission of serving the needs of the residents. The Eastern Star will be hosting their annual chicken and noodle benefit supper this Thursday evening with the proceeds going to support the work of the Forget-Me-Nots. Those who attend this event not only have the pleasure of helping to raise money for this fine organization, but they are treated to one of the best meals that money can buy.

Recent visitors: Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Mike, Deb, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcatut; Rebecca Cox, Manhattan; Sandra Richards, Denton, Texas; Kathy Shaffer, McCook.

Connie Olson, Robert and Penny Fringer, Walt Pennell, Dorothy Cochran, Sherri Shuler, Bill and Carol Duncan, Oberlin.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Richard and Theresa Rippe enjoyed supper at Park Hill in Atwood on Tuesday evening with Kevin and Megan Rippe and family. They helped Kimberly Rose celebrate her second birthday. Kimberly was surrounded by her mom and dad, sisters, Lilly, Michaela, and Allison, and brother, Connor. Also joining the group were Tim and Wyatt Rippe. Along with the supper and presents, Kimberly especially enjoyed a "Dora" cake made by her mother.

Out-of-town family and friends attending the Don Pettera funeral on March 1 at St. Mary's Church were; Elaine Johnson, Bird City, and Bethel Goltl, McDonald; Bob and Janice Arkle, York, Neb.; Shirley Williams, Janice Sattler, Brian and Mary Clark, Atwood; Randy Sattler, Hutchison; Mike and Deanna Pettera, Joe, Travis and Tiffany Pettera, all of Mesa, Ariz.; Connie and Dominic James and Ron, Thornton, Colo.; Aaron and Michelle Ruibal, Savannah and Logan, Arvada, Colo.; Lester and Myrna Pettera,

Loveland, Colo.; Keith and Tress Pettera, Lakewood, Colo.; Clemens and Rose Kogl, Culbertson, Neb.; John Sattler, Bertrand, Neb.; David, Jane and Parker Sattler, Kearney, Neb.; Denise Perrin, Arapahoe, Neb.; Jeremy and Nolan Kuck, Lincoln, Neb.; Gina Jensen, Lincoln, Neb.; Gisela Fisher, Traer; Kassi and Atticus Williams, Kathy, Joe and Braden Leitner, all of Atwood; Danny and Roma Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Patti and Alex Park, Hays; Randy and Des Pettera, McCook; Veronica Olson, Westminster, Colo.; Bruce and Shawn Wamsley, Tammy Stevens, Joe and Sheryl Hunt, all of Thornton, Colo.; and Larry and Denise Pettera, North Platte, Neb.

Gideon and Isaiah White, Norton, spent a few days visiting Grandpa Dave and Grandma Judy Ketterl, awaiting the arrival home of their new baby sister, Genesis, who was born on Feb. 24.

Sunday morning, United Church of Christ members served pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and pie to

more than 160 hungry area residents at the Herndon Senior Center. This annual event is always well attended and brings people together for fellowship and sharing.

Payton, Paycie and Parker Juene-mann of Atwood spent the weekend with Papa and Nana Sattler on the farm. Jayda Sattler joined in the fun, practicing hunting for Easter eggs, watched new baby calves come into the world and played dress-up.

Family and friends are arriving from Alaska visiting Kenny and Stacey Chartier in anticipation of the Marintzer-Chartier wedding on March 23. It has been two years since the family has been together with Scott and Doug being deployed to Japan for two years. Herndon welcomes all the visitors and guests.

The Herndon community is happy to say we will retain our post office. The daily and weekend hours will be changing so be sure to check the mail and window hours in the near future.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended a birthday party honoring their great-grandson, Trenton Wahlmeier, on his second birthday at the home of his parents Nick and Kerri Wahlmeier, Oberlin. Additional guests were: Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Randy and Sharon Olson, Eunice Martin, Brent and Molly Olson, Rena Unger and son all of Oberlin; Darlene Feikert, St Francis; Jerry Lahnamen, Colby and Kristy Ostmeier and boys, Ellis.

Family coming for the funeral of Mary Votapka to the homes of Tom Votapka and Sue Long were Rex and Ann Rowh, Jodi Inquanza, Meagan and Christopher, Cimarron; Kip and Stephanie Rowh, Hastings, Minn.; Jay Dee and Angie Brumbaugh, Brennan and Brady, Owassa, Okla.; Mark and Ashley Perry Cole, Wichita; Rollie and Jean Lee Halligan, Goodland; Lori Schiefen and Katlyn. Overland Park; Josh and Mi-

chele Ivans, Brooklan and Ailianna, Spring Hill; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken and Terri Hanke.

On Feb. 26, eating Mexican food, learning wood carving and shopping were on the schedule for the Jennings Tuesday Study Club.

The club met at Los Lagos in Hill City for lunch and the February program. Roll Call was answered with "An Unforgettable Historical Moment" by members: Ruth Chance, Louise Cressler, Lila Jennings, Paula Krizek, Alice Mizer, Lynn Tacha, Shelley McKenna, Joan McKenna, Joanie Metz, Sue Long, Helen Muirhead, Roberta McAllister, Patty Foster, and guests Darlene Riggs and her husband Allan, the woodcarver.

Have you ever wanted to try wood carving?

When a family member sent him some wood carving tools, at the age of 80 Allan Riggs enrolled in a caricature seminar and carved six

figures in three days. Four years later, he has mastered the additional techniques of relief carving and bark carving. Allan uses soft woods including bass and butternut and cottonwood bark to make his wonderful relief pictures and whimsical tree houses.

He recommends using a glove and keeping a supply of Band-Aids available. Allan built a special tool box to hold his many knives and carving instruments and explained the methods of sharpening his tools.

When he has finished carving an item, he also paints or stains the art object he has created. Allan constructs frames for the beautiful relief pictures. The program was fascinating and emphasized the fact that learning really is a lifelong experience.

Prior to leaving Hill City, the group stopped at a unique Cornerstone store to shop.

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